

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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EFFICIENCY AND VASE LIFE USING STRESS-RESISTANCE GENE**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 17, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed on or before January 17, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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